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In the following Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ending 15 June 1946.

Communicable Diseases:

Two cases of typhus fever were reported during the week ending 15 June 1946; one case in the U. S. Sector of Berlin and one in Regierungsbezirk Niederbayern and Oberpfalz, Land Bavaria. The only increased incidence of significance for the Zone as a whole during the week was that of typhoid fever shown in both Bavaria and Wuerttemberg-Baden but particularly in the latter with a total of twenty-five cases having been reported at Wernau. The community continues under quarantine and is "off limits" to troops. Detailed and complete preventive measures are in force to control the spread of the disease. There has been a slight decrease in incidence of gonorrhea and syphilis in both Bavaria and Greater Hesse and a considerable decrease in the U. S. Sector of Berlin. Bavaria and U. S. Sector Berlin have also shown a decreased incidence of reported cases of tuberculosis with Berlin showing the more marked decrease. Typhoid fever and scarlet fever have also decreased in incidence in U. S. Sector of Berlin while the incidence of malaria has again increased. Berlin attaches no particular significance to the noticeable decrease in reported cases of gonorrhea and syphilis, and tuberculosis during the week.

Hospitalization:

As a means of improving the hospital bed capacity for tubercular patients Greater Hesse reports the organization of roving surgical teams to treat patients in several institutions and thereby increase the turnover of beds in tuberculosis hospitals.

Medical Supplies:

Pursuant to instructions issued earlier in the month to Bavarian authorities with reference to the solution of their medical supply problems, Wehrmacht medical depots are being turned over to the Land Government for control and under supervision of Military Government for distribution throughout the Land. Insulin, a critical item, has been made available from military stocks and in supplement to the indigenous supply will be adequate to meet the essential requirements for Bavaria. Fifty U. S. Army field ambulances have been released to the Wuerttemberg-Badeen German public health system which will greatly aid the transportation of patients particularly in connection with newly established tuberculosis hospitals and also in metropolitan areas. Wuerttemberg-Baden also reports receipt of excess Army stocks, to the extent of equipment for approximately 20,000 persons, which had been allotted to the Military Government of the Land. These items which have been received are now stored under Military Government control at Goepingen to be released for civilian use only in the event of future epidemics or other emergencies.

Sanitation:

As a result of a recent survey of the water supply in Bavaria it is noted that there are a number of Kreise in which water shortage exists or will develop during the summer. A similar survey has been made indicating all Kreise in which typhoid fever has been prevalent during the past year or which are potential danger points. The information from these surveys is being compiled for both Bavarian authorities and the Third Army Surgeon as the basis for a guide to future control and action in the deployment of Military personnel.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 15 June 1946

Regierungs- bezirk		Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																						c: Cases d: Deaths			
				Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza
TOTAL US Zone	£	15,570,584	c P	2 1	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	644 24	132 1	624 156	97 23	564 2	11 4	1 —	2199	607 1	90 8	14 1	40 3	7 —	— —	63223	— —	1 —	31 —	9 —	128 —
Mainfranken		927,006	c P	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	43 —	15 —	30 6	6 1	30 —	1 —	31	9	9 1	2 1	— —	— —	— —	190	— —	— —	1 —	— —	— —	3 —
Ober- and Mittelfranken		2,140,055	c P	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	75 2	10 1	69 27	1 4	60 —	1 —	362	81 1	3 —	1 —	1 —	— —	— —	395	— —	1 —	2 —	— —	— —	— —
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz		1,966,526	c P	1 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	45 2	12 —	53 11	1 —	36 —	3 2	215	65	14 3	— —	— —	— —	1 —	566	— —	— —	2 —	— —	36 —	
Schwaben		1,018,162	c P	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	21 —	5 —	62 12	6 2	85 1	— —	122	38	6 —	1 —	1 —	— —	— —	299	— —	— —	2 —	— —	1 —	
Oberbayern		2,094,785	c P	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	66 4	19 —	63 10	3 —	102 —	— —	307	82	4 1	3 —	6 2	— —	— —	317	— —	— —	3 —	— —	38 —	
Kassel		1,042,724	c P	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	59 —	8 —	22 10	3 —	11 —	4 —	148	45	2 —	1 —	— —	— —	1 —	79	— —	— —	2 —	— —	15 —	
Wiesbaden		1,322,421	c P	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	54 3	12 —	99 15	11 —	37 —	1 —	313	79	4 —	1 —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	9	— —	— —	5 —		
Hessen		1,080,779	c P	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	62 4	9 —	64 9	2 —	62 —	— —	106	44	2 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	4 —	229	— —	— —	8 —	20 —	
Baden		1,135,775	c P	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	77 2	10 —	54 11	22 —	44 —	— —	235	63	7 —	1 —	1 —	— —	— —	1038	— —	— —	6 —	— —	— —	
Württemberg		1,908,151	c P	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	72 5	18 —	49 19	16 4	97 —	1 —	204	45	31 1	4 —	14 —	3 —	— —	101	— —	— —	4 —	1 —	10 —	
Bremen Port Command	£		c P	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	45 2	7 —	20 7	5 —	— —	2 —	146	48	3 —	2 —	1 —	— —	— —	262	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	
Berlin (US Sector)		934,000	c P	1 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	70 2	14 —	59 28	5 3	— —	— —	156	56	8 1	1 —	17 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	9 —	— —	— —	

£ Bremen included in report from British Zone — not included in the totals on this report.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 15 June 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of CUMMUNICABLE DISEASE c: Cases d: Deaths																											
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infections Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles		
Bavaria	8,146,734	c	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	250	61	277	24	313	5	1	1037	275	36	7	8	2	—	—	1767	—	1	10	—	78
Greater Hesse	3,445,924	c	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	1	66	11	1	3	—	567	168	8	1	—	—	—	6	317	—	—	2	8	40
Württemberg Baden	3,043,926	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	29	185	30	110	5	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1139	—	—	10	1	10
Bremen Port Command	473,000	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	30	4	—	1	—	439	108	38	5	15	4	—	—	262	—	—	—	—	—
Berlin US Sector)	994,000	c	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	14	59	5	—	—	—	156	56	8	1	17	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,146,734	.06	—	—	—	—	—	16.00	3.90	17.73	1.54	20.03	.32	.06	66.37	17.60	2.30	.45	.51	.13	—	—	113.09	—	.06	.64	—	4.99
Greater Hesse	3,445,924	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.42	4.88	27.93	4.53	16.61	.75	—	85.62	25.37	1.21	.15	—	.15	—	.91	47.87	—	—	.30	1.21	6.04
Württemberg-Baden	3,043,926	—	—	—	—	—	—	25.48	4.79	17.61	6.50	24.11	.17	—	75.07	18.47	6.50	.85	2.56	.68	—	—	194.77	—	—	1.71	.17	1.71
Bremen Port Command	473,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	49.45	7.69	21.98	5.49	—	2.20	—	160.45	52.75	3.80	1.20	1.10	—	—	—	287.94	—	—	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	994,000	.56	—	—	—	—	—	38.99	7.80	32.86	2.78	—	—	—	86.89	31.19	4.46	.56	9.47	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.01	—	—

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 15 June 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	
Total US Zone	15,570,584	.07	—	—	—	—	—	21.25	4.36	20.59	3.20	18.61	.36	.03	72.57	20.03	2.97	.46	1.32	.23	—	.20	106.36	—	.03	1.02	.30	4.22
Mainfranken	927,206	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.12	8.41	16.83	3.37	16.83	.56	.56	17.39	5.05	5.05	1.12	—	—	—	—	106.59	—	—	.56	—	1.68
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,140,055	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.22	2.43	16.77	.24	14.58	.24	—	87.97	19.68	.73	.24	.24	.24	—	—	95.98	—	.24	.49	—	—
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,966,526	.26	—	—	—	—	—	11.88	3.17	13.99	.26	9.50	.79	—	56.76	17.16	3.70	—	.26	—	—	—	149.42	—	—	.53	—	9.50
Schwaben	1,018,162	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.73	2.55	31.68	3.07	43.43	—	—	62.34	19.42	3.07	.51	.51	—	—	—	152.79	—	—	1.02	—	.51
Oberbayern	2,094,785	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.37	4.71	15.62	2.48	25.30	—	—	76.14	20.34	.99	.74	1.49	—	—	—	78.62	—	—	.74	—	9.42
Kassel	1,042,724	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.44	3.99	10.98	8.48	5.49	2.00	—	73.85	22.45	1.00	—	.50	—	.50	39.42	—	—	1.00	—	7.48	
Wiesbaden	1,322,421	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.22	4.72	38.91	4.32	14.54	.39	—	121.01	31.05	1.57	.39	—	—	—	.39	3.54	—	—	—	—	1.96
Hessen	1,080,779	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.82	4.33	30.78	.96	29.82	—	—	50.99	21.16	.96	—	—	—	1.92	110.15	—	—	—	3.85	9.62	
Baden	1,135,775	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.27	4.58	24.73	10.08	20.15	—	—	107.63	28.85	3.21	.46	.46	.46	—	—	475.40	—	—	2.75	—	—
Württemberg	1,908,151	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.66	4.91	13.38	4.37	26.48	.27	—	55.69	12.28	8.46	1.09	3.82	.82	—	—	27.57	—	—	1.09	.27	2.73
Bremen Port Command	£	—	—	—	—	—	—	49.45	7.69	21.98	5.49	—	2.20	—	160.45	52.75	3.30	2.20	1.10	—	—	—	287.94	—	—	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	934,000	.56	—	—	—	—	—	38.99	7.80	32.86	2.78	—	—	—	86.89	31.19	4.46	.56	9.47	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.01	—	—

£ Bremen included in report from British Zone — not included in the totals on this report.
(Rates Expressed as per 10,000 per Annum).

